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Items of Interest Locally

Geo. Storey returned Wednesday after a business visit of several days at Calgary.

Mrs. Beatty and her brother, Dr. R. G. Gilmour, left on Tuesday for a three months' visit in Ontario.

Good candy is essential to a merry Christmas in most families. Get the best at the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Grace Methodist Church will have a Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday evening, the 22nd. Admission, adults 25 cents.

Your Christmas Candies is a big item. Lowrey's, Moir's, Nylo's, full complete line, all fresh and new.—City Pharmacy.

R. Metzger, of the Crown Cafe, left Tuesday for Denver, Colorado, to spend a few weeks. It is rumored that he will not return alone.

At the Presbyterian church, December 21, services will be held at the usual hours, with special music both morning and evening.

Special Christmas services will be held at Grace Methodist church on Sunday, December 21. There will be a special musical program at each service.

Kent Bros., the Lacombe painters, have secured the contract of painting the new Royal Bank building, bidding against a large competing firm from other cities and towns.

The Rex has engaged a splendid orchestra for the winter and has also added a talented singer, Mr. Marlow, to the nightly program. An illustrated song will be a feature of each entertainment.

Don't wait till the last minute. Only four days more, and that means only forty hours to decide and buy. Off time is complete in Xmas goods. Hurry hurry, and get there first.—City Pharmacy.

The Assembly Club's second dance, held on Thursday evening, was fully as successful as the first, held three weeks ago. All were there that the Comet's large audience could comfortably accommodate.

A Mother Goose visit to Santa Claus Land will be the Christmas week attraction at the Presbyterian church, taking place on Tuesday evening, the 23rd, at 8 o'clock. At the close of the program there will be a Christmas tree. Admission 50 cents; children 15 cents.

The increasing importance of Lacombe as a wholesale centre is evidenced by a shipment recently made by the Lacombe branch of The Scott Fruit Co., Ltd. On the 12th this company shipped the largest consignment of fruit that has ever been shipped out of the city going east, comprising over a car load.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Company, held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon, it was decided at once call for tenders for drilling for gas, and to begin drilling as soon as twenty thousand dollars of the company's stock is sold. It was also decided to increase the company's capital stock to seventy thousand dollars in order to permit of raising sufficient funds by sale of stock to handle the gas proposition.

Prof. C. S. Robinson will open a select dancing class in the Comet Theatre, Lacombe, on Monday, January 5. Private lessons may be had in the afternoon, and the class will meet at night. J. Shillato will be pleased to supply further information. The Editor of the paper is personally acquainted with Prof. Robinson and will say that he is a gentleman in every sense of the word and one of the best dancing masters in the province, having for some time past conducted the best dancing academy in Calgary. Many here have expressed a desire to take dancing lessons and the decision of Prof. Robinson to open a class here will furnish an unusual opportunity.

MARRIAGE

On Monday, Dec. 15, a pretty house wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus French, when their eldest daughter, Sadie Mae, was married to John Paul, of Edmonton, Rev. Mr. Seragg performing the ceremony.

Only a few of the most intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony, which was held at 4 p.m. Mrs. Cole officiated at the piano, and the young couple was ushered to their alter to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

After the ceremony and congratulations, the small party entered the dining room, where the bride's mother had a most acceptable dinner ready.

The bride and groom left on the evening train for Edmonton, where they will make their future home.

Attack Prisoner with Acid

Kerobert, Sask., Dec. 5.—Early this morning the local jail was broken into by two men and a prisoner named Pettit, who was recently brought back from Toronto, was attacked and a mixture of sulphuric acid and other corrosives thrown on him. He was left unconscious but revived later and made his way to the R. N. W. M. P. detachment. He is now in the hospital suffering from burns and concussion of the brain. The mounted police have taken up the case.

Pettit has had his trial postponed. It is believed some of the men implicated in the death of several horses at Lusland attacked Pettit, fearing disclosures against them.

Many Baseball Fatalities.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Fifteen deaths constituted the toll in baseball games during the 1913 season, according to figures compiled and published here yesterday. The reports show that the greatest death toll was in Chicago, where three persons were killed by pitched balls.

Twelve of the victims were killed by being hit in the head by the ball direct from the hands of the pitchers. Four tips were responsible for the other three deaths.

The reports point out that all the players killed were unskilled in the game and that none of the major league players received fatal injuries.

Borden Policy Still Criticized

London, Dec. 17.—Financial experts continue their criticisms of Canada's continued borrowings. The Financial Times, further discussing whether "the progressive colony is not attempting to develop its resources a little too fast, urges allowance for the difficult position of the money market. This is necessary when considering the failure of the Dominion Government's last loan. Doubt is expressed whether it would be safe for Canadian citizens to advocate caution. It will probably be, therefore, that the brake will have to be applied from this side. There is need for its application. Canada is justly proud of its credit which it has earned by its success in passing difficult times without serious financial trouble. It prospers; it is undoubted; indeed, it owes its difficulties to that cause, but at such a critical period the exercise of caution is doubtless necessary."

Militants Seek Revenge by Arson

London, Dec. 6.—The campaign of revenge for the re-arrest of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was continued by the militant suffragettes today. They had marked for destruction various exhibition buildings and grand stands on the race tracks in Lancashire, where Premier Asquith is spending the week-end, and delivering a series of political speeches. Two of the items on the militants' program were carried out. The arson squad burnt down the exhibition buildings at Liverpool and Manchester. Their third attempt was unsuccessful, the suffragettes being frightened away by the approach of a policeman as they were preparing to set fire to the grand stand on the Aintree race course. The loss in the Liverpool and Manchester fires exceeds \$100,000.

Prominent Dairyman Comes from East

J. H. McLean, late of Brockville, Ontario, who recently purchased the Palmer farm a mile west of town, is preparing to go extensively into the stock business here, and will have his first shipment of cattle here in January or February. Mr. McLean has been in the dairy and pure-bred stock business in Ontario for the past twelve years, but was impressed with the possibilities of Alberta in this line, and is disposing of all his interests in the east. His specialty in the cattle line is Holsteins, and his herd has made a reputation for itself throughout Eastern Canada. Mr. McLean has also purchased a residence in town—the Crauna home on Burnett Ave., and will reside there.

The farm will be operated by his son, Gordon McLean, and Stewart Aikenhead. Both these young men are thoroughly conversant with the dairy and stock business. In addition to dairying, they will do a general business in farm produce of all kinds, buying and selling cattle, horses, etc.

Mr. McLean was extremely fortunate in securing the Palmer farm. It is one of the most desirable farms for stock raising in the district, and the price paid, \$23,500, is considered extremely reasonable.

Germany Approves Naval Holiday

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The large majority by which the "naval holiday" resolution passed the American House of Representatives has attracted interest and favorable comment from peace lovers in Germany, and the attitude of the United States on the proposal that international naval construction be discontinued for one year is regarded as one of possible far-reaching influence.

The question just now is at a standstill so far as Great Britain and Germany are concerned, and American initiative at this juncture would have many advantages in their opinion of certain German naval officers.

Unlike the proposals to this end put forward by Great Britain the suggestion from a neutral nation to discontinue the building of battleships for twelve months would bear no suspicion of hostile intent. Addressed to all nations, it would avoid one of the main objections to the British plan, which is that neither Great Britain and Germany nor any other two nations can afford to stop building battleships if other countries continue their naval program.

It need contain no "jokers" such as the exception allowing England to build battleships for the Mediterranean and to accept three Canadian battleships of their equivalent while other nations were observing the naval

truce. The American proposals if made, should be worded so clearly as to leave no room for evasion as diverting funds saved on battleships to the construction of cruisers, torpedo boats, submarines, or airships, or by providing for accelerated construction in following years.

There is naturally little or no sympathy at the admiralty for the idea, but in government circles outside the admiralty such a proposal would not be altogether unwelcome. The treasury department, forced to devise schemes for new taxation and the majority of the Reichstag, faced with the unpopular task of voting them, are against and increase in naval expenditure. Chancellor Von Bethmann Holweg is already pledged to consider any scheme for a limitation of naval armaments along such lines, and the recent announcement of his friend and colleague Baron Von Hertling, prime minister of Bavaria, that that state and the nation could bear no further taxation for military purposes for years to come, will strengthen his hands enormously in the struggle with the over-hungry army and navy leaders.

Ride Woman on a Rail

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 16.—Five gray-haired women of the village of Wolo, who rode Mrs. John Richardson on a rail one night in July, because her name was linked by gossip with that of her brother-in-law, were found guilty here last night by a jury. Each may be fined \$200 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Mrs. Sable's sixty-five years makes her the oldest of the convicted five, and the others are well beyond forty. As they sat huddled in the court room tonight, when the verdict was announced, they bore no resemblance to the angry women who drew Mrs. Richardson from her home by a subterfuge, placed her astride a scantling, bore her screaming and fighting to the edge of the town with a warning never to return.

Mrs. Richardson is not vindictive against her former friends. She was satisfied with a conviction and was agreeable to letting the women off with a fine. She had a civil suit for \$100,000 pending against them.

Edward Koppel also was indicted with the six women. It was charged that, dressed in the garb of a woman, he assisted in riding Mrs. Richardson on a rail. He has disappeared.

Kindled Fire With Gasoline

Edmonton, Dec. 16.—Oscar Anderson, the young man who was admitted to the Royal Alexandra hospital on Sunday, suffering severely from burns received while

trying to light a fire with gasoline, near Amisk Creek, five miles east of Tofield, died last night.

When the unfortunate man was admitted to the Royal Alexandra hospital there was scarcely an inch of his body that was not terribly burned, his face and hands being literally cooked. A special room had to be prepared for him at the hospital which was superheated and an electric fan was kept playing over his body to keep it dry. This method somewhat alleviated the pain, but very little hope was held out from the first by the doctor in attendance, although everything possible was done for the unfortunate man, and last night he breathed his last.

Aeroplanes Will Cross Ocean

London, Dec. 16.—A Paris despatch to the Daily Mail says one of the best qualified authorities to speak on the possibilities of the waterplane is Glenn Curtiss, the United States constructor whom I met at the aero show. He told me that he considered it extremely probable that the "Daily Mail's prize," for in 72 continuous hours would be won next summer.

Mr. Curtiss knows of more than one serious preparation to win the prize. He admitted he had been requested to supply the engines in one case in which he considers there was great chance for preparation to publish the details of the success, but the organizer is not yet statement.

Mr. Curtiss favors a decent detour the journey for obtaining petrol and supplies from a liner, by means of tow rope. An American, who is contemplating the attempt, however, would try to make the journey in 36 hours without stopping.

The Excess of Express Service

Charging rates so much lower than the express companies that the companies regard as confiscation the invasion of what was their territory, the parcels post in United States for the first year of its operation shows a surplus of thirty million, and the indications are that there will be a large general reduction in the near future which will bring the cost of the service to a point where the express companies, as such, will virtually cease to exist.

Some idea of what excess the public have been paying for the service given by the express companies may be gathered from the fact that at the parcels post rates, which are so much lower than express rates, the cost charge within the 250 mile circle is eight times the cost of carrying, and within the 150 mile circle is six times the cost.

Express companies in United States last year made a profit on their invested capital of 80 per cent, although, by adroit book-keeping, they managed to represent their dividends as being only four per cent.

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

"The popdium has already begun to swing adversely," states Mr. Harriac, Watson, Canadian Trade Commissioner at London in his annual report, "which indicates a marked decrease of Canadian exports to England during the past year."

The Customs revenue for October decreased by nearly \$1,500,000 as compared with the same month last year, a dropping off of \$50,000 a day.

During the eight months of the present year the customs revenue aggregated \$75,001,109 as compared with \$76,085,075 during the same eight months of 1912. These are figures given out by the Customs Department, with every possible effort to minimize their significance.

There is every probability that the decreased revenue for October will be increasingly continued during the winter months, since the bulk of importations occur during the summer navigation season. It is more than probable that the end of the year will witness a decrease in customs revenue of \$10,000,000.

The Minister of Finance is now floating in London a loan of \$20,000,000. Half of this will be used to pay treasury bills—paying debts with borrowed money. The rest will be used to replenish the almost empty treasury, and of course a good slice of it will go to MacKenzie and Mann as part of their \$15,000,000 gift.

During the last 12 months Hon. Mr. White has gone to London to borrow the astonishing total of \$45,000,000. He has had to pay over four per cent for every dollar of it. The interest on borrowings for this year alone amounts to \$1,800,000. The last loan of \$20,000,000 at four per cent had to be sold at 97, which means nearly 4 1/2 per cent interest. This is practically one per cent higher interest than Hon. Mr. Fielding ever had to pay. By the end of the fiscal year, Canada's debt will be increased by probably \$30,000,000—with a permanent additional charge of \$1,300,000 a year for interest.

London financiers comment unfavorably and openly upon the continual raids of Hon. Mr. White on the British money market. The Morning Post, an influential English Conservative paper, friendly to the Canadian Government, scathingly criticizes Hon. Mr. White's methods of borrowing huge sums privately, in addition to his public borrowings and says—"It must be impossible for the investor to have any clear idea of the financial position of the debtor." That is exactly what the Canadian Government wants—to hide its real financial position from both the British who lend and the Canadians who must pay back.

In face of these conditions, Hon. Mr. White gaily announces that estimates next year may amount to \$250,000,000 as against "only" \$200,000,000 last year. This will mean a total expenditure of probably \$300,000,000, including statutory items. The absurd explanation is that the Government considers times of financial stress proper season for huge Government expenditure. Such a system applied to any business institution would mean speedy bankruptcy.

After two years of Tory Government exports and imports have declined; Canada's borrowings have increased; her credit abroad has suffered; her interest rate on English debts has increased; the public debt is growing again; her customs revenue for the first time since the Fielding tariff of 1897 has seriously declined; expenditures have about trebled in three years.

It is time that the pendulum turned. Its swing is already apparent towards the Liberal policy of sane economical administration which will preserve Canadian credit at home and abroad, together with a revision of the tariff which will give the poor man a chance to live within his income.

WORSE THAN WASTE

When, a couple of weeks ago, stories began to leak out about gross mismanagement and waste in connection with the Government work at Port Nelson on Hudson Bay, a rush was made to cover the matter up under blank official denials, with Hon. Frank Cochrane as the chief denier. But the truth would not down, and as time goes on it becomes more and more apparent that the Government has worse than bungled the very commencement of the first important piece of work they have undertaken during their two years of power.

Now Captain Robertson of the steamer "Alette" which was chartered by the Government, unable to unload at Port Nelson and wrecked on the ice, has given a signed statement of conditions at the Hudson Bay "terminal" which shows that the position is worse than was imagined.

Captain Robertson declares that the original reports of the terrible conditions at Port Nelson were altogether too modest. His ship arrived at Port Nelson on September 14th after considerable trouble with ice in Hudson Strait. At Port Nelson their real troubles began with the discovery that although the different channels had been accurately charted, the Marine Department had either placed buoys wrong or not placed them at all. It was owing to this, Captain Robertson states, that the Government steamship "Cearense" was wrecked with so much loss, and his own ship was almost wrecked at the same spot, while groping around for the channel.

On reaching the "port" the "Alette" had to anchor eight miles away owing to shallow water, to gother with a small fleet of other vessels tied up for the same reason. There was only one small lighter to unload these ships, with the result that all were lying idle. Finally the "Alette's" deck load of lumber was thrown overboard and much of it lost. Eventually Captain Robertson was compelled to start back with his main cargo untouched, in order to avoid danger from the lateness of the season. That this was necessary is shown by the fact that the "Alette's" bows were smashed on the ice and she had to be beached, where she and her cargo will likely be a total loss.

As to conditions on shore at Port Nelson, Captain Robertson says there is a condition of indescribable chaos, with all sorts of valuable material scattered around on the beach and no place to put it. Accommodation for the men was almost as bad as for the goods, there being no harbor to build shacks, so that it looked as though many of the men would have to

face the Arctic winter in tents. On the other hand, as respected the officials, Captain Robertson says: "The Government officials are housed most comfortably and live gorgeously. I was up to meals several times and never saw such spreads before." Captain Robertson declares that scarcely anything towards construction at the port had been done except the laying out of a grave yard.

The facilities at the "port" were a small landing stage and a five-ton derrick at which the one lighter unloads, making only one trip each tide.

Captain Robertson concludes with the opinion that Port Nelson is an impossible harbor, since it could never be made a port of shelter to ships driven back by ice in the Straits. His opinion was that Port Churchill was a much more likely port.

The whole evidence by a practical man on the spot shows that the Government has selected the wrong site for its terminal port and then done everything in the way of mismanagement, neglect and waste to botch the work they have undertaken. Their record with the Hudson Bay route is in striking contrast to the success which attended the construction by the Laurier Administration of the National Transcontinental from the first.

LABOR'S VIEW OF PURITANICAL SABBATH

Calgary, Dec. 2.—Claiming that the present stringent Sunday law is unfair to the working class inasmuch as it discriminates against the legitimate pleasures of the man who has to work six days of a week, the Trades and Labor council will shortly introduce a resolution sweepingly condemning the law and asking the government to modify it, according to the statement of H. Pryde, president of the Calgary trades and labor council.

"The Lord's Day Alliance claims that the Sunday law favors the working man, inasmuch as it does away with unnecessary labor and preserves the sanctity of the Lord's day," stated Mr. Pryde. "This may be the view of the Lord's Day Alliance, but it certainly is not the view of the working men of Calgary or any other city of any size in Alberta or Canada. The wage worker labors six days in the week, and on Sunday, the only day on which he possibly could have any pleasure or recreation under the law as it previously stood, the stupid Lord's day act forces him to sit around the house sucking his thumbs and wondering what kind of place Russia is in winter time."

"In the opinion of the wage workers, the Lord's Day Alliance is too high-handed and unreasonable. The preachers can have their pleasure six days of the week, and do not seem to care whether the biggest part of the population, which works on the clergy's pleasure days, has any pleasure or not. The Lord's day act is a relic of Puritan days, when efforts to make men good by legislation failed miserably, and the sooner it is blotted off the statute books the more desirable will Sunday conditions be for the average wage earner and respectable citizen."

"To rob these men of the one day out of the week they have on which to enjoy themselves is little short of criminal, and should not be tolerated in a free country."

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POLICE INVESTIGATE

DOUBLE MURDER

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 20.—Starting developments are looked for in the investigation by the Nelson police of what appears to be a double murder, one of a young woman in the restricted district of Nelson, and the other of a young man who accompanied the body to Chicago. One of the houses in the Nelson segregated area was recently destroyed by fire, and the firemen found the body of a young woman in one of the rooms. The Nelson police have been informed that there was a deep knife wound in the woman's breast, and the theory is advanced that the house was set on fire to hide traces of the alleged murder.

The young girl lived in Chicago and after the fire arrangements to ship the body to Nelson were made by the undertakers who took charge of the remains. A young man employed in Nelson whose home is in Chicago, accompanied the remains. He wanted to see his mother, and as he did not have enough money to pay his fare he consented to go on the train that conveyed the body and see that it was delivered at its destination.

According to a Calgary official interested in the investigation, the young man was given free transportation and instructed to collect \$165 at Chicago before he delivered the body. Of this sum the young man was instructed to return \$150 to the undertaker and was told that he could keep the balance of \$15 for himself. At the station he was met by a couple of men to whom he delivered the body after he had collected the money. He went to the telegraph office at once and sent \$150 to the undertaker. This is the last that was heard of him.

It was not till the young man's disappearance alarmed his friends that the double murder theory was suggested. It leaked out in Nelson that firemen had seen the deep wound in the girl's breast when they removed her body from the burning house, and it was then the theory was advanced that the girl had been murdered and the house set on fire to hide traces of the crime. The opinion of the friends of the young man who accompanied the body to Chicago and mysteriously disappeared is that he was murdered by the two men who paid him the \$165. It is believed that they lured him away on some pretence, not knowing that he had returned \$150 to the undertaker, and then murdered him, hoping to find the money on him.

The affair has created great excitement in Nelson, and although the police discredit the theory

that the girl was murdered, firemen who saw her body are inclined to think that she was. The police frankly admit that they are puzzled over the young man's mysterious disappearance.

IS THAW TOO CRAZY TO BE OUT ON BAIL?

Concord, N. H., Dec. 20.—A commission to examine Harry Thaw to determine whether his liberty under bail would be dangerous to public safety, has been announced in a receipt issued by Judge Aldrich in the federal court. The commission is to consist of Frank S. Streeter, Concord; Dr. Morton Prince, Boston; Dr. George A. Blumer, superintendent of Butler hospital for the insane, Providence, R. I., and Dr. Chas. P. Bancroft, superintendent of New Hampshire state hospital for the insane, Concord. In the receipt, which is on Thaw's application for admission to bail and the habeas corpus proceedings, Judge Aldrich says: "The commission is not appointed to listen to experts upon an adverse hearing, but for making such observations and examinations as it sees fit to make on Thaw's present condition, its opinion is sought upon the single and sole question whether it is reasonably probable that his liberty under bail would be dangerous to the public peace and safety."

The rescripts adds that it is not intended there should be a trial on the broad question of insanity, for it is not the purpose to embarrass any subsequent litigation where that question may be involved.

SCHOOL POLICY BIG QUESTION IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—At yesterday afternoon's sitting of the legislative assembly, the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was featured by a controversy between the member for Winnipeg North, S. Hart Green, and Premier Roblin, upon Manitoba's contentious educational system. The member for Winnipeg North stated that there were hundreds of children not attending school who should, and was requested by the premier to cite one specific instance, which the member declined to do. Sir Rodmond, in closing the controversy, expressed the opinion that many people were making misstatements to the injury of the province. Mr. Green replied that if he gave names and specific cases, he had no guarantee that the premier would not give them to the public. The premier, in turn, cited instances

showing the work of the department of neglected children. This verbal exchange took place near the close of the sitting, after the debate had been resumed following yesterday's adjournment by Dr. Armstrong, member for Gladstone, who referred to Manitoba's prosperity depending upon one thing—wheat production. The member for Gladstone was answered by Lendrum & McMeans, North Winnipeg, who taunted the opposition upon charges of policy and upon non-success in recent by-elections.

ENGLISH RANCHER IS KILLED BY INDIANS.

Prince Rupert, B.C., Dec. 17.—Ernest G. Kennett, a young rancher, was murdered on a trail between Kispicou and Glenow, near Hazelton. The body was found on Friday. Kennett had been attacked from the rear, and there was seventeen knife wounds in the throat and face and slash stabs in the back and neck.

The ground shows signs of a desperate struggle. The deceased had lived six years in the Hazelton country and leaves a mother and two sisters in England. Money was found on him.

SOME COWS FROM GLENGARRY

Among the records collected by the dairy division, Ottawa, this season are some from Glengarry that show the average yield of 155 cows to be 4,840 pounds of milk, 8.5 test, 189 pounds of fat. Included in that is the yield of one herd of 9 cows including one three-year-old that averages 6,209 pounds of milk, 3.3 test, 205 pounds of fat.

It will be noticed that this herd produced 1,669 pounds of milk and 49 pounds of fat above the average of the 155 cows. Another herd averaged 220 pounds of fat, or 61 pounds per cow above the average; with fat reckoned at thirty cents per pound, this is equivalent to over eighteen dollars per cow, indicative of the thousands of dollars extra that might be coming into a district if the cows were kept up to a higher producing level.

One noticeable feature of this section is the large number of poor yields from two and three year olds. But it is not only the heifers that are responsible for lowering the average yield. There are cows from six to ten years old that gave only 2,800 pounds of milk and 102 pounds of fat as compared with that average of 4,840 pounds of milk and 189 pounds of fat.

So that instead of a contrast of only eighteen dollars, it is found that there is an actual difference of over forty one dollars in the cash received from mature cows in the same period. This is surely a statement strong enough to cause

every dairyman to examine closely into the performance of each cow he keeps. Milk records are easily kept and a composite sample from each tenth day's milk can be tested once a month. Is not this worth doing?

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Provincial Secretary and endorsed "Tenders for Supplies" will be received at the Department of The Provincial Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Edmonton, up to noon of Monday, the 22 day of December, 1913, for the supply and delivery of Groceries, Flour, Oatmeal, etc., during the year ending December 31st 1914, to The Hospital for the Insane, Ponoka, and The Provincial Jail, Lethbridge.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Bank for five per cent of the amount of the tender made payable to the order of The Provincial Secretary, which will be forfeited to the Government of Alberta in case the successful tenderer refuses or neglects to enter into contract, or when entered into fails to carry out the provisions thereof.

Specifications may be seen, approximate quantities given, and form of tender supplied upon application to the Department of The Provincial Secretary, Edmonton.

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E. TROWBRIDGE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary
Edmonton, December 1st, 1913.

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Founded some sixty-eight years ago by the late John Douglass, the "Witness" has always been, and the "Weekly Witness" still continues to be, exclusively owned and edited by Douglass.

During the past three generations it has conscientiously, devotedly and very efficiently, served its country in many ways, notably in its campaigns for Temperance, Righteousness, Religious Liberty, Education, and Lower Tariffs, looking towards lower cost and higher place of living. If Canada is not yet enjoying to the full the benefits of these things, it is far ahead of many other countries in most of them, and this is due in no small measure to the stand, or, more correctly, the splendid campaigns of the "Witness" whenever opportunely afforded. The welfare of the Canadian farmer in particular has always been considered of prime importance by the Editor of the "Witness," and the "Witness" has done yeoman service to agriculture.

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Besides the moral and political aspects of this great newspaper, it has attractive features embracing all the interests of the family and a splendid Farm and Poultry Department. Its short and serial stories are strong and fresh, and they alone are worth several times the price—one dollar a year. To house-keeping subscribers mentioning the name of this paper, one trial year may be had for only 65 cents. The publishers are, as always, JOHN DOUGLASS & SON, "Witness" Office Montreal.

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In addition to my usual large stock of staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, men's furnishings, etc., I have added several lines especially suitable for the holiday trade, including articles for the men, for the ladies, and for the children; and all priced at money saving figures. My stock of Christmas groceries is very complete and well selected; let me supply your needs in this line.

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A large assortment of the very newest styles in Fancy Silk allover net and Chiffon Waists.
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Lovely Neckwear for Xmas

We have just received a large shipment of the newest neckwear in Fancy Lace Collars, Brocade Velvet, Collar Lace Tissue and Fancy Floral Pins.
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Never before have we shown such a beautiful range of Ladies' Handkerchiefs as we have this season. Children's Handkerchiefs in Fancy Colors of Mercerized Lawn, 2 for 25c, 6 for 25c, and 3 for 25c.

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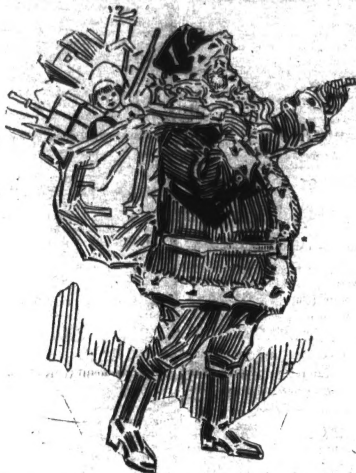
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**We wish one and all a
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Men's Neckwear

A wide choice of the very latest styles in Christmas neckties nicely boxed, from 35c to \$1.25.

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In fancy pleated fronts in the newest designs.

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At 3 for 25c, 2 for 25c and 25c each. Plain cambric and linen handkerchiefs from 5c to 3 for \$1.00.

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We have the largest stock of wholesome delicacies in candies, nuts, fruits, and fancy groceries we have ever had.

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Local Jottings

Get your Christmas candies, nuts and fruit at the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Mesdames McWilliam and Green left Tuesday for a holiday visit to friends in the east.

Everybody is stopping, to hear the new Phonograph at the new drug store, The City Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Read, of the Blindman Valley, left on Monday for an extended visit with friends in Massachusetts.

Owing to the extent and nature of counter attractions the audience at the Rex on Wednesday evening to hear the Musical Eckhardt was not so large as it would otherwise have been, but those who were present enjoyed a musical treat. The musical specialties put on by this company are first class throughout.

Christmas Ball

A Grand Dance will be held in Bookle's Hall on Friday night, December 26. Music by the Rex Orchestra, comprising four pieces, under the leadership of Mr. W. Marlow, late of Edmonton. Supper will be served in the hall at midnight. Tickets, including supper, \$1.00; ladies free. If you want to enjoy a good time, be sure and attend this dance.

On Saturday night last J. H. Dameron, of Bentley, had a bad auto accident that might easily have terminated worse than it did. While crossing Gull Lake on the ice his car skidded and striking on an obstruction overturned pinning him beneath it. Three who were in the car with him escaped serious injury and released him, taking him home where he was found to be badly bruised all over, but fortunately no bones broken.

Locketts of all kinds for Christmas.

We are selling a number of locketts this year in both plain and stone set.

Stones set in Lily of the valley designs, etc., from \$2.50 to \$5.00 in finest quality gold filled.

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